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Study abroad now possible in Peru

Tyler Wise

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A new program on campus is giving students the opportunity to spend five weeks in Peru over the summer to learn about the many aspects of Latin American culture while participating in several community-based projects.

The Peru Summer Study Program, headed by geography professor James Keese and political science professor Craig Arceneaux, is a quarter-long program that will give students the opportunity to "learn about Latin American culture, economy, politics, development and ecology," Keese said.

Both Keese and Arceneaux met with students on Oct. 26 to discuss the features of the new program that includes excursions to famous Peruvian locations such as Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca and the Amazon Rainforest.

"The meeting had a pretty good turn-out," Keese said. "We had over 23 students come in and 11 said that they were going."

Though field trips to exotic locations are an integral part of the trip, the program will also allow students to participate in many different projects.

"The Peru Study Program is more than just a tourist venture and will also include cooperative work with many communities and organizations," director of pacific programs Richard LeRoy said.

One of the key organizations that the study program is partnering with is ProPeru, "a student service program that provides individuals and groups with unique and challenging cross-cultural experiences," according to www.properu.org.

From June 23 to July 28, students who are eligible for the program will live in Cuzco, Peru, while obtaining 12 units of academic credit that includes four units of extensive Spanish and two general education courses addressing issues related to Peruvian and Latin American culture and society. The general education courses will be taught in English by Cal Poly faculty, LeRoy said.

The program also provides students with the opportunity to live with Peruvian host families, allowing for intensive development of cross-cultural skills, impromptu language development and the chance to study another culture as a participant observer.

Though the program will include several tourist trips to extravagant sites and cities around

Peru, the program has a stronger emphasis on providing students with the opportunity to absorb the culture while participating in many hands-on projects.

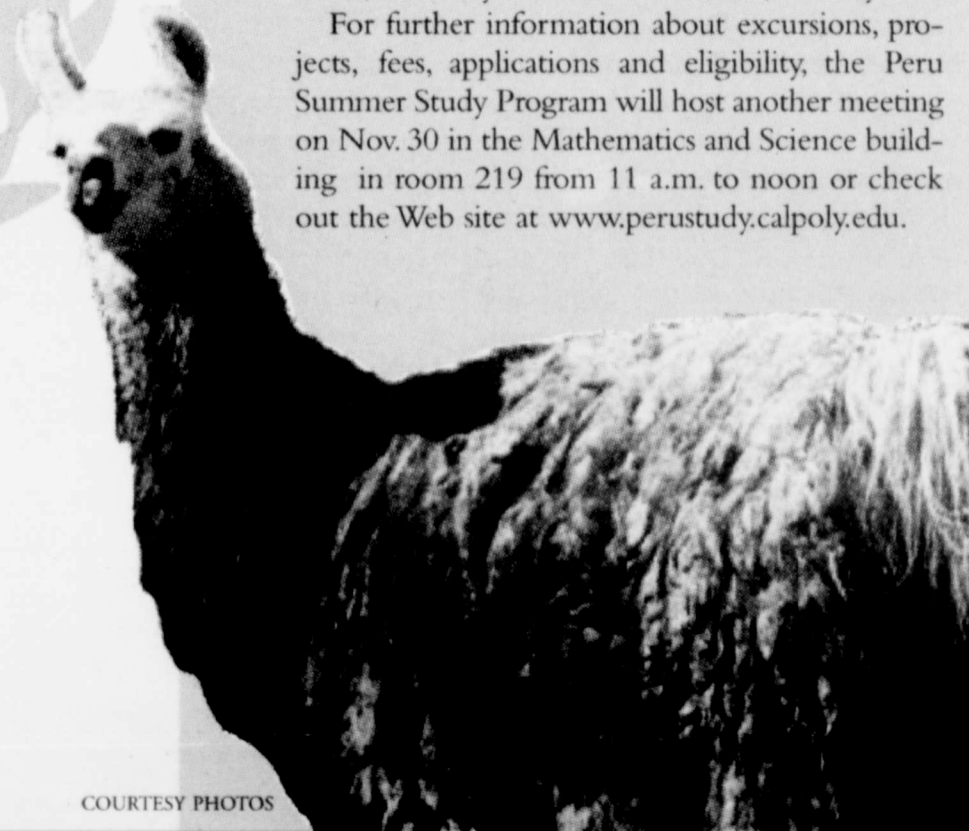
"What makes this program so special is that it is not simply a sightseeing or tourist trip, but more of an opportunity for students to get some real, hands-on experience with another culture by participating in several community-based projects," LeRoy said.

The program includes several physical and community oriented projects such as organizing sports programs in local communities, designing and constructing irrigation canals, building and modernizing small schools, and reforestation of the Amazon Rainforest—an extension of Cal Poly's "Learn by Doing" philosophy.

Students of all majors with a grade point average of at least 2.5 are eligible to participate. According to the program's Web site, student selection will be based on GPA, personal interviews, faculty references, and an application essay.

"We're looking for students who have strong intentions to learn the culture in addition to an open and adaptive mind; culturally sensitive and mature," LeRoy said.

For further information about excursions, projects, fees, applications and eligibility, the Peru Summer Study Program will host another meeting on Nov. 30 in the Mathematics and Science building in room 219 from 11 a.m. to noon or check out the Web site at www.perustudy.calpoly.edu.



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Mustang Daily Tuesday Profile

Republican president: not afraid to speak up

Christina Casci

MUSTANG DAILY

A female social sciences junior is not the typical president of the Cal Poly College Republicans but Christina Chiappe goes far beyond the norm.

"My position isn't clichéd at all, but it doesn't have to make sense," she said.

Chiappe grew up in a more liberal part of the Bay Area but lived in a conservative home. When she came to Cal Poly, she went to meetings but didn't have any leadership roles, she said.

"Last year, I joined the board as the political officer which was a position created for me specifically by last year's vice president," Chiappe said.

The position involved speaking at meetings and telling members



Christina
Chiappe

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CP Next brings light to the ballot

Christina Casci

MUSTANG DAILY

So many students are unaware of the issues on the ballot this Nov. 7, so Associated Students Inc. is putting on CP Next: Generation Vote. The event will be held Wednesday and Thursday this week and bring awareness to many current local issues.

The event will consist of seven events throughout both days. Three of the events will involve Cal Poly clubs from all areas of interest.

"This is a really good opportunity for students to educate themselves about the current issues," said Melissa Robbins, business senior and ASI chief of staff.

The event will start off with the Cal Poly Debate Team in Chumash Auditorium from 11 p.m. to noon on Wednesday. Two members of the team, computer engineering senior Rohen Peterson and aerospace

engineering sophomore Dominic Surano will debate some hot local topics including Measure J, the Dalidio Project.

"Everyone is really excited to get recognized," communication studies senior Kristy Malm said. "This format is very different from how we compete usually though."

That day, there will be the first club fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Clubs from all over campus will be in the University Union Plaza for the event.

"There will be all kinds of clubs there," Robbins said. "We are bringing in as many that will appeal to many different students and want to support and educate students."

From 1 to 2 p.m. the same day,



COURTESY PHOTO

Campus clubs created puzzle pieces for display at Farmers' Market.

the congressional candidates will speak about their positions in Chumash Auditorium. Rep. Lois Capps and Victor Tognazzini will see CP Next, page 2

CP Next: Generation Vote

Wednesday, Nov. 1

11 a.m.-noon: Debate Team at Chumash Auditorium

The Cal Poly Debate Team will be debating current events and issues that are important to the students and will also be on the Nov. 7 ballot.

11 a.m.-3 p.m.: Club Fair

Clubs from all areas of interest will be in the University Union Plaza. Tables and booths will be set up for each club so they can inform students about what they offer.

1-2 p.m.: Congressional Candidate Forum in Chumash Auditorium

The candidates for 23rd U.S. Congressional District, Lois Capps and Victor Tognazzini, will tell students about their stance on issues. Students will have a chance to interact with the candidates.

Thursday, Nov. 2

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Club Fair

More clubs will be in the UU Plaza. The event will begin with the live concert by Andrew Heringer.

Noon-1 p.m.: Measure J Debate in San Luis Lounge

Both sides of Measure J, also known as the Dalidio Project, will give an information session. This project calls for some larger stores such as Target and Old Navy.

1-2 p.m.: Mayoral Candidate Debate in San Luis Lounge

All the mayoral candidates, Dave Romero, John Ewan, Christine Mulholland, and Don Hedrick, will discuss their platforms. They will accept questions and comments from students.

6-8 p.m.: Clubs at Farmers' Market

Cal Poly clubs will be downtown presenting a mosaic of puzzle pieces.

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each give speeches separately and interact with the students.

Thursday will begin with the second club fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the UU Plaza. The event will kick off with a performance by Andrew Heringer. The clubs might be slightly different.

From noon to 1 p.m. that day, there will be a Measure J debate in San Luis Lounge. There will be two people from each side and it will be a debate forum, ASI President Todd Maki said. Ernie Dalidio and Victor Montgomery will be on the pro side and Alan Thomas and Allen Settle will represent the con argument, Maki said.

"The more into it they get, the more interesting it will be," he said.

Then, from 1 to 2 p.m. in San Luis Lounge, all the mayoral candidates will debate. Dave Romero, John Ewan, Christine Mulholland and Don Hedrick will debate and interact with the students.

Romero, the current mayor, says it's a little late to do this, but it is

still a good thing. "I am very happy to be going," he said. "A lot of people have already voted absentee, but it's good for those that haven't."

Mulholland said as long as it raises awareness, it's worth it. "Civics is not taught strongly enough from a young age here," she said. "It is just important to know that local politics transcend parties. What matters are the issues in the area."

The event finale will be at Farmers' Market. A small amount of clubs will be set up downtown on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. to raise awareness about their clubs.

A big event of the night is putting puzzle pieces together. The pieces are about 2 feet by 2 feet, Maki said. "Each club gets a piece to paint and then we put them all together to say that though we are all different, but we are still together."

Last year's ASI president, Tyler Middlestadt, created the whole puzzle idea when the entire event was born, Maki said.

Both the Cal Poly Democrats and the Cal Poly College

Republicans will be attending all three club events.

"I'm living in a different world, so I don't see how well the event is getting known," said Christina Chiappe, president of the Cal Poly College Republicans. "It's good that ASI is making the effort to promote voter knowledge, but I hope they put in the effort to advertise the event."

Zach Austin, president of the Cal Poly Democrats, says the whole event is a great idea. "The debates are a great opportunity for students to meet the candidates and hear what they have to say. It's really good for opening discussion," he said.

The event will happen once a quarter this year and each will have a different theme. Winter quarter will be Sustainability and Diversity like last year, and spring quarter will be Science and Technology, Maki said.

"Students are the most under-represented voters," Robbins said. "This event promotes education and will hopefully help raise the number of student voters."

Chiappe

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about current events, including news and propositions. She also planned some activities, she said.

"We like to go shooting at the range with shotguns — it's pretty fun," Chiappe said.

This year should be much busier than most because of the upcoming election, she said. "We already had a barbecue where students could meet candidates, and it was very successful," Chiappe said.

"I knew I was much more inexperienced than the past presidents, but I felt I could take it on," she said.

The club has 800 people on the e-mail list, but about 45 that go to meetings, Chiappe said. "I think students at Cal Poly tend to be conservative but are not vocal about it."

Chiappe said the problem is that professors tend to be more liberal and intimidate conservative students from speaking up.

"It's scary to speak out, and people don't like to put themselves out there," Chiappe said.

Jacki DeMarchi, an animal science sophomore and the club's secretary, said Chiappe will be a good president. "She's really good at putting ideas into action," she said.

The best thing about Chiappe is her friendliness, DeMarchi said. "She's good at looking out for

everyone and making sure everyone stays involved," she said.

Though she is expected to do well, people are confused around her, Chiappe said. "People got used to having it a certain way and I changed it a little, but I think that's what the club needs right now," Chiappe said.

"We are bringing back a lot of old things but also adding some new things," DeMarchi said.

"I will definitely promote conservative ideals, you can't be ashamed of what you believe," Chiappe said.

So, whom does Chiappe want to win the gubernatorial position this year? "I absolutely want Arnold to win," she said.

"There are a lot of Democrats in office in California and Arnold is perfect because he is a Republican but kind of moderate and has liberal principles," Chiappe said.

Zach Austin, a political science junior and president of the Cal Poly Democrats, has worked with Chiappe shortly.

"She's very friendly and really energetic," he said.

The two clubs will work together to a non-partisan voter project, he said.

"Even though we believe different things, it is good to get together and do healthy debate or just throw politics out the window all together and just have fun," Chiappe said of the collaboration.

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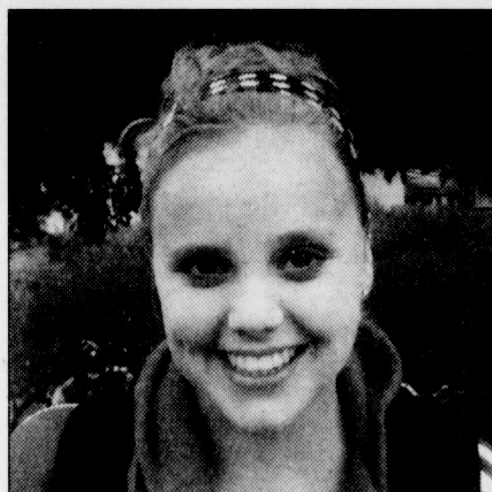
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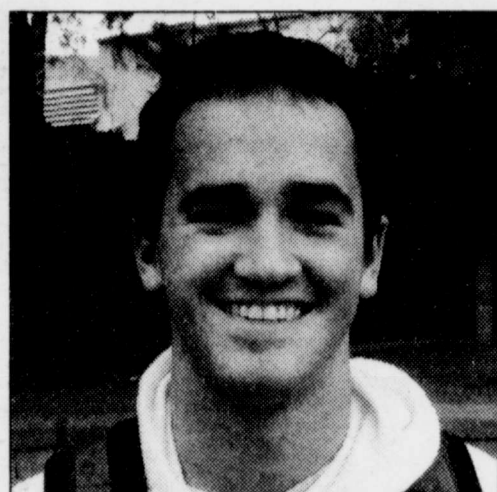
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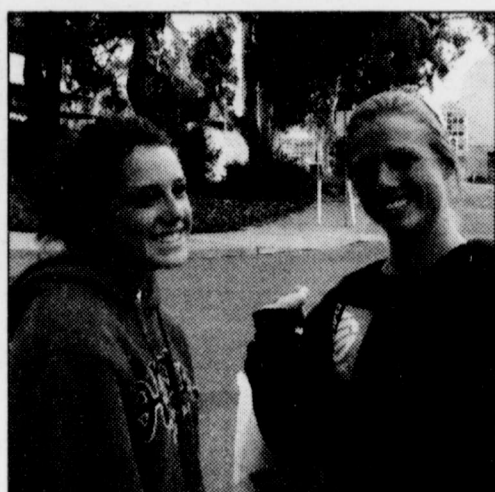
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-Courtney Sherman
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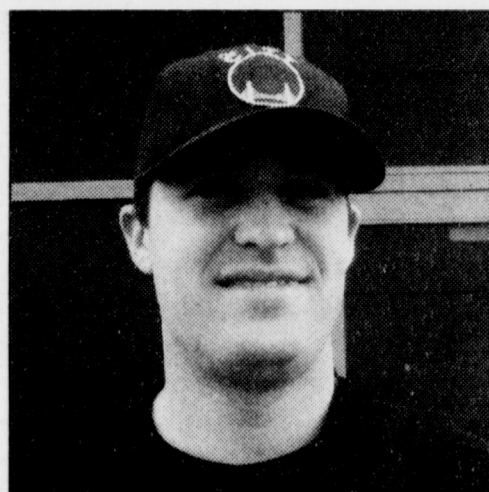
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-Tristan Fuenmayor
recreation administration junior



"We were GI Janes. We had dog tags, tank tops that said Army and aviators."

-Lindsay Eyster
fruit science freshman,
-Brittany Driscoll
agribusiness freshman



"I was a porn star. I had a mustache, but I shaved it off and I wore a robe and sandals with a fake member hanging out of my short shorts."

-Aaron Lubiszeuski
electrical engineering senior



"A construction worker; I had a hard hat, a jean skirt, a tank top and a toy tool belt."

-Marisal Ante
nutrition senior

Pakistani airstrike on alleged terror camp kills 80, sparks protests

Paul Garwood
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani helicopter gunships on Monday destroyed a religious school the military said was fronting as an al-Qaida training camp, killing 80 people in the country's deadliest military operation targeting suspected terrorists.

Islamic leaders and al-Qaida-linked militants blamed the United States for the airstrike and called for nationwide demonstrations to condemn the attack that flattened the school — known as a madrassa — and ripped apart those inside. Furious villagers and religious leaders said the pre-dawn missile barrage killed innocent students and teachers.

U.S. and Pakistani military officials denied American involvement.

Among those killed in the attack in the remote northwestern village of Chingai, two miles from the Afghan border, was a cleric who had sheltered militants in the past and was believed associated with al-Qaida's No. 2 leader, Ayman al-Zawahri.

The raid threatens efforts by President Gen. Pervez Musharraf to persuade deeply conservative tribespeople to back his government over pro-Taliban and al-Qaida fighters,

who enjoy strong support in many semiautonomous regions in northern Pakistan. The planned signing of a peace deal between tribal leaders and the military was canceled Monday in response to the airstrike.

Musharraf has been under intense pressure, particularly from the United States and Afghanistan, to rein in militant groups, particularly along the porous Pakistan-Afghan frontier, where Osama bin Laden and al-Zawahri are believed to be hiding. The Pakistani leader, along with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, met with President Bush in Washington last month to address the issue.

Protests were held from the northwestern city of Peshawar to the southern city of Karachi, the largest taking place in Chingai and the Bajur district's main town of Khar, where 2,000 tribesmen and shopkeepers chanted "Death to Musharraf! Death to Bush!"

Amid fears of unrest, Britain's Prince Charles, who arrived in Pakistan on Sunday for a five-day stay, canceled a visit planned for Tuesday to Peshawar.

The raid was launched after the madrassa's leaders, headed by cleric Liaquat Hussain, rejected government warnings to stop using the school as a training camp for terrorists, said army spokesman Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan.

"These militants were involved in actions inside Pakistan and probably in Afghanistan," Sultan told The Associated Press.

Militant groups in Bajur are believed to ferry fighters, weapons and supplies to Afghanistan to target U.S. forces there and Pakistani soldiers on this side of the ethnic-Pashtun majority tribal belt.

Sultan said 80 people were killed in the building, which was 100 yards from the nearest house. Local political officials and Islamic leaders corroborated the death toll.

Sultan denied reports that al-Zawahri was in the area at the time of the attack. "It is all wrong, speculative and we launched this operation on our own to target a training facility," he said. A Bajur-area intelligence official said word was spreading among residents that al-Zawahri may have been expected at the madrassa, but he said the reports were wrong.

Hussain, the cleric believed to have been a deputy of al-Zawahri, was among those killed, the intelligence official and residents said.

Another al-Zawahri lieutenant, Faqir Mohammed, apparently left the madrassa 30 minutes before the strike, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to speak to the media.

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KFC phasing out trans fats for cooking chicken

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NEW YORK (AP) — KFC said Monday it is phasing out trans fats in cooking its Original Recipe and Extra Crispy fried chicken, Potato Wedges and other menu items, but hasn't found a good alternative yet for its biscuits.

Health experts say trans fats raise levels of artery-clogging cholesterol and contribute to heart disease.

The restaurant chain said it will start using zero trans fat soybean oil systemwide in the United States with the rollout expected to be completed by April 2007. KFC said many of its approximately 5,500 restaurants already have switched.

KFC President Gregg Dedrick said there would be no change in the taste of the chicken and other food items.

"There is no compromise," he said at a Manhattan news conference. "Nothing is more important to us than the quality of our food and preserving the terrific taste of our product."

Crispy Strips, Wings, Boneless Wings, Buffalo and Crispy Snacker Sandwiches, Popcorn Chicken and Twisters also are part of the menu change.

Dedrick said some products including biscuits will still be made with trans fat while KFC keeps looking for alternatives.

The announcement came just ahead of a New York City Board of Health public hearing on a plan to

make New York the first U.S. city to ban restaurants from serving food containing artificial trans fats.

The change at KFC applies only to U.S. restaurants for now, Dedrick said. He said the company was trying to find replacement oils for its overseas restaurants. He added that KFC outlets in some countries already use trans fat-free oils, but he would not say which countries.

Artificial trans fat is so common that the average American eats 4.7 pounds of it a year, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

The switch was applauded by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, which sued the Louisville, Ky.-based KFC in June over the trans fat content of its chicken.

KFC isn't the only business preparing for a trans-fat-free future.

Wendy's International Inc., the burger restaurant chain company, has already switched to a zero-trans fat oil. Fast-food leader McDonald's Corp. had announced that it intended to do so as well in 2003, but has yet to follow through.

If New York City approves banning food with artificial trans fats, it would only affect city restaurants, not grocery stores. But experts said the city's foodservice industry is so large, any change in its rules is likely to ripple nationwide.

"It's huge. It's going to be the trendsetter for the entire country," said Suzanne Vieira, director of the culinary nutrition program at

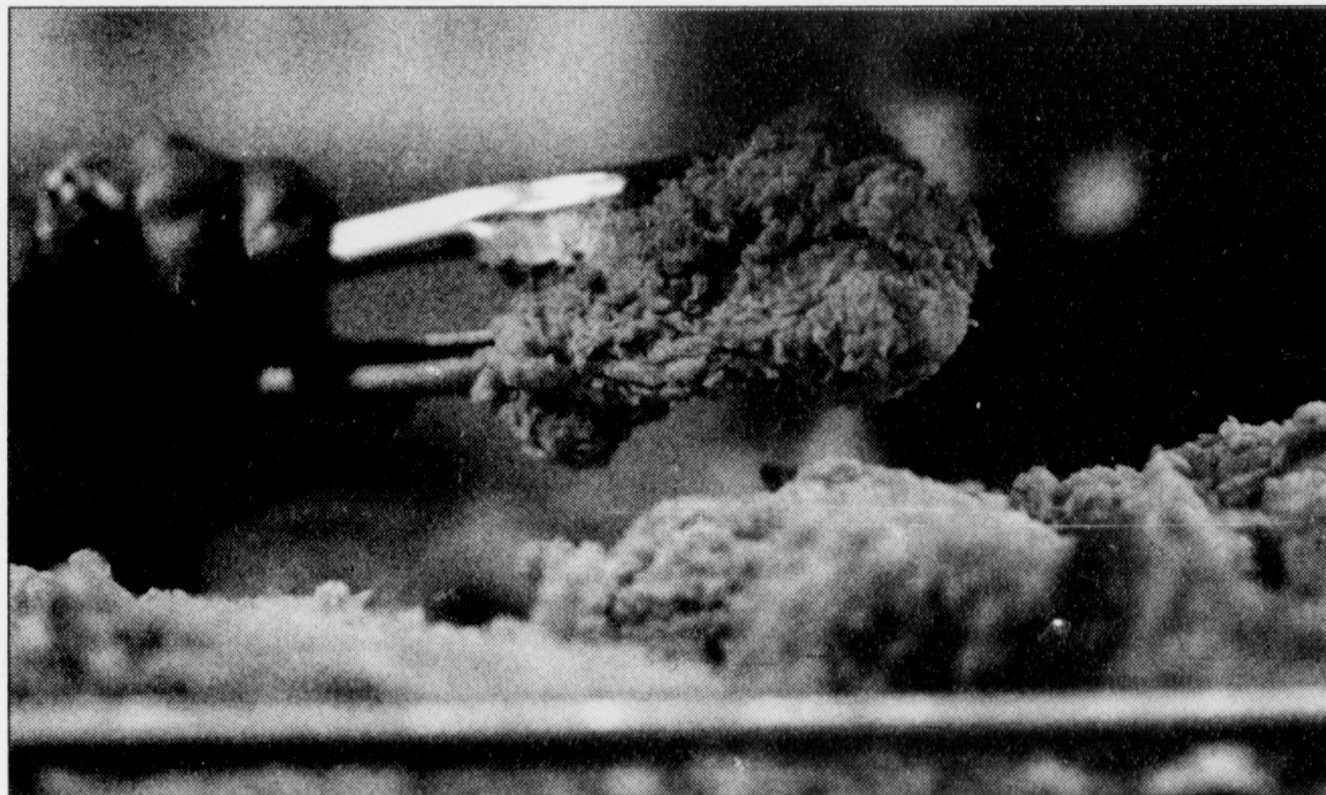
Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I., where students are experimenting with substitute oils and shortenings.

New York's thousands of independently owned restaurants are beginning to look for ways to make changes too — not all happily.

Richard Lipsky, a spokesman for the Neighborhood Retail Alliance, said many eatery owners rely on ingredients prepared elsewhere, and aren't always aware whether the foods they sell contain trans fats.

Invented in the early 1900s, partially hydrogenated vegetable oil was initially believed to be a healthy substitute for natural fats like butter or lard. It was also cheaper, performed better under high heat and had a longer shelf life.

Today, the oil is used as a shorten-



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Kentucky Fried Chicken employee Alberto Ravelo displays an example of the company's trans fat-free Extra Crispy fried chicken in New York, Monday. The fast food restaurant will now use soybean oil to cook many of its menu items.

ing in baked goods like cookies, crackers and doughnuts, as well as in deep frying.

Ironically, many big fast food companies only became dependent on hydrogenated oil a decade and a half ago when they were pressured by health groups to do something about saturated fat.

McDonald's emptied its french fryers of beef tallow in 1990 and filled them with what was then thought to be "heart healthy" partially hydrogenated vegetable oil.

"They did so in all innocence,

trying to do the right thing," said Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "Everybody thought it was safe. We thought it was safe."

Some restaurants were still completing the changeover when the first major study appeared indicating that the hydrogenated oils were just as bad for you, if not worse.

When eaten, trans fats significantly raise the level of so-called "bad" cholesterol in the blood, clogging arteries and causing heart disease.



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State

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — Halloween revelry in Isla Vista, which has a reputation as a rowdy, raunchy, boozy destination for up to 25,000 partiers each year, kicked off early with 141 arrests.

Friday was the first night of celebrations that continues through Tuesday.

Most of Friday's arrests were for being drunk in public and fighting in public, as well as for narcotics violations. Some 108 criminal citations and notices to appear were also issued for having an open container of alcohol in public and for minors possessing alcohol.

There were no major injuries, but several people were transported to Goleta Valley Hospital and Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for alcohol poisoning.

Authorities have cracked down on Isla Vista's annual Halloween weekend celebration in recent years. Last year's "Keep it Local Keep it Safe" campaign was intended to discourage rowdiness.

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BEAUMONT (AP) — Firefighters were close Monday to corralling a wildfire that claimed four lives and 34 homes during its fierce run near Palm Springs.

The blaze, which authorities believe was deliberately set, still threatened wilderness plagued by drought and filled with dead trees.

But fire officials said the Santa Ana conditions that whipped the inferno across 63 square miles in four days had all but disappeared. They believed they could get the blaze fully contained by Monday evening.

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers kept a pretty firm grip on their wallets in September, boosting spending by just 0.1 percent, the smallest increase in 10 months. The Commerce Department's report, released Monday, showed that consumers had a solid appetite for big-ticket goods such as cars and appliances last month but they cut spending on nondurable goods such as food and clothes.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The American Red Cross, stung by criticism of how it handled Hurricane Katrina and the Sept. 11 attacks, announced plans Monday for a major overhaul that would include slashing its 50-member board and reducing the influence of presidentially appointed overseers. The reforms are intended to ease recurring friction between board members and Red Cross management, and to address complaints that the organization was at times too bureaucratic and unaccountable after Katrina and the attacks.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — MySpace.com will use "audio fingerprinting" technology to block users from uploading copyright music to the social networking site, the company said Monday.

MySpace, which is owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., said it will review all music files uploaded by community members to their online profiles. The files will be run through a music database from Gracenote Inc.

"MySpace is staunchly committed to protecting artists' rights, whether those artists are on major labels or are independent acts," said Chris DeWolfe, MySpace chief executive and co-founder.

International

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel plans to expand its military offensive in the Gaza Strip and will decide soon on the what kind of operation it will conduct, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Monday. The military offensive will not lead to an Israeli reoccupation of the coastal area it pulled out of last year, Olmert was quoted as telling lawmakers at parliament's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. Officials said the goal of an offensive would be to prevent arms smuggling along the porous Egypt-Gaza frontier.

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LONDON (AP) — Unchecked global warming will devastate the world economy on the scale of the world wars and the Great Depression, a British government report said Monday, as the country launched a bid to convince doubters that environmentalism and economic growth can coincide.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The American death toll for October climbed past 100, a grim milestone reached as a top White House envoy turned up unexpectedly in Baghdad on Monday to smooth over a rough patch in U.S.-Iraqi ties. At least 80 people were killed across Iraq, 33 in a Sadr City bombing targeting workers. A member of the 89th Military Police Brigade was killed in east Baghdad Monday, and a Marine died in fighting in insurgent infested Anbar province the day before, raising to 101 the number of U.S. service members killed in a bloody October, the fourth deadliest month of the war. At least 2,814 American forces have died since the war began.

Software program catches cheaters at Stanford

Emma Trotter

THE STANFORD DAILY (STANFORD)

STANFORD, Calif. — It's not just the Honor Code that prevents students in computer science classes from cheating — the department employs the Measure of Software Similarity Program (MOSS), written by Prof. Alex Aiken, to systematically test student code against every section of code ever run through the system.

Talk about pressure.

The Computer Science Department annually reports the highest number of Honor Code violations on campus, with 71 from the fall of 2003 to last spring, including 23 during the 2005-2006 academic year. Aiken, however, said that these figures may reflect the vigilance of professors in his department, rather than a higher incidence of cheating among those students.

"A fair number of CS instructors use tools like MOSS, while my impression is that in most other departments systematic checking for Honor Code violations is less common," Aiken said.

Judicial Adviser Laurette Beeson argued that unlike papers or problem sets, programming presents a unique lure — and opportunity — for cheaters.

"Students who are used to being perfect spend 40 to 60 hours writing a program, and they get frustrated when one part doesn't work," she said. "It's pretty tempting."

Nationwide, it is not unusual for computer science departments to record the highest number of cheating incidences, Beeson added, arguing that Stanford may even have fewer occurrences than its peers.

"I think statistics have proven that schools with honor codes have fewer violations, and I think Stanford ranks very well in that compared to other schools," she said.

And while not all cases referred to Judicial Affairs end with charges being pressed against a student or students, the numbers seem to reflect MOSS's ability to root out cheats — of the 71 reports in the last three years, 52 resulted in charges being brought.

An Honor Code violation in Computer Science usually falls into one of two categories: the code in two current students' programs may be identical or nearly identical or the code in a current student's program resembles that of a program run through the system in any year since its inception.

Aiken created MOSS in 1994, and he made a version available on the Internet in 1997 for other teachers around the world to use. His motivation, he said, was simple.

"I had a problem with some students plagiarizing programming assignments," Aiken said. "It was too time-consuming to find them by hand, and the existing programs for plagiarism detection didn't seem to do a very good job of it."

All the MOSS Program does is check for similarity, Aiken added. It does not actually make a judgment about whether or not cheating occurred. There could be many legitimate reasons for code in two students' programs to be identical, he continued. A professor may have posted some sample code for students to use as a base point, or two students could have independently decided to use the same section of public domain code.

"Making that judgment requires an experienced person to look at the two programs and decide why they are similar," he said. "Having said that, the potential is always there for an instructor to misuse the tool by saying that whenever the tool reports something the person is guilty of cheating."

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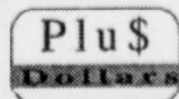
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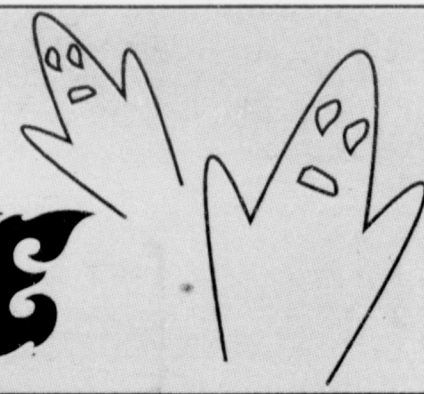
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STAFF COMMENTARY



FEAR AND LOATHING ON RAMONA DRIVE



Devan McClaine
MUSTANG DAILY

Last Halloween was supposed to be epic for me. As an incoming junior transfer student, this was my big debut, as my college Halloween experience had been relegated to Chico. In Chico, everyone wears the same costume: drunk and looking for a place to sleep.

There wasn't too much of a dilemma as far as the costume was concerned, I had decided long ago that I was going to be Hunter S. Thompson for two reasons.

First, it is a perfect excuse to be belligerently intoxicated; it's part of the costume. Second, I had \$13.62 in my bank account due to the rigors of inebriated online poker and was stuck with nothing but a Hawaiian shirt and a fishing hat, so I added the tube socks, cigarette holder and oversized glasses.

The night began in earnest, looking for a place to become the good doctor. My roommates and I had a leftover keg, but the prospect

of a home party was doomed due to the fact that the beer had begun to taste like a combination of old cheese and feet long since its purchase date.

Finally a locale was determined. After some final costume tweaks and a couple of rancid beers, a loose collection of friends and roommates headed a couple blocks up Ramona Drive.

The location in question was quickly determined when a twenty-something "sexy" ladybug shot vomit over the sidewalk. The impact was audible, luckily the sight was covered by the overwhelming darkness of Ramona Drive.

Upon entering, the "Usual Suspects" appeared. Not your garden-variety slutty angels or naughty Santa's helpers. No, literally the cast of "Usual Suspects." I had a nice chat with the gentleman whom I thought was McManus but easily could have been Hockney.

After Fenster recognized who I was, we broke character for a couple of seconds and had a heated



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Devan McClaine (left) dressed up as Hunter S. Thompson for Halloween last year.

movie discussion, which ended abruptly when he declared "Bourne Identity" as his favorite movie.

I spent the next 20 to 30 minutes wandering around with a cigarette holder in mouth uttering "no footing at all in this muck" and "rat bastards!" in alternating order.

After passing Paris Hilton and a dirty pirate hooker, I asked them where the backyard was. They

answered and immediately asked me if I was Gilligan. I pretended to throw up and headed in the direction of the yard.

Much to my displeasure, the yard was cordoned off and replaced by a deck covered in an artificial canopy of Hefty bags. The "yard" had apparently become a haven for smokers and smelled like a Reno whorehouse.

Some desperate fool began raving and jabbering at me in order to get the broken cigarette in my holder. He appeared to be dressed as Ron Burgundy, sans pants and scotch.

I found a female acquaintance in the kitchen and there was still no footing. In the adjacent room there appeared to be a spirited, almost tribal dance party happening.

My acquaintance squealed like a Japanese fan at a New Kids on the Block concert and dragged me toward the sound of Blackstreet's "No Diggity," which apparently was a high school favorite of hers.

There is nothing more reckless

and depraved than a doctor of journalism dancing to hip-hop. It makes you behave like William Hung at an American Idol audition: everybody's laughing at you, not with you.

The dance performance had rattled me and I decided to call it a night. We spent the duration of our trip home turning off the power in Valencia apartments, much to the chagrin of the residents.

I hope this year is half as good as last. I have to admit I like the celebrity costumes. They are generally cheaper, and there is something decidedly American about taking the raw materials around you and creating a masterpiece. It does away with the unnerving feeling of paying a corporation or boutique to generate your creativity.

Whatever your choice, have a good time and be reasonably safe when possible.

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From Friends to Frankenstein, family fun at Farmers' Market



Lauren Zahner
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What appeared to be a troupe of traveling performers in shiny velvet and an assortment of other costumed families crossed Marsh Street and entered the immediate hubbub of Farmers' Market. Trill children's voices rose more frequently than usual among the normal static of the crowd.

There was a mirthful mix of young families like theirs and the regular black-clad, angst-filled youth.

"Lots of pirates this year," a middle-aged woman noted from the storefront of Sanctuary Tobacco Shop on Chorro Street.

Indeed, one mother was headed for Higuera Street with a young pirate straggler in tow.

Farmers' Market saw downtown trick-or-treating, Halloween Hoopla, which were the booths hosted by Cal Poly students, and a costume contest hosted by the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association and San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. Different businesses opened their doors and gave out candy to the trick-or-treaters while Cal Poly clubs ran games on Garden Street.

As far as San Luis Obispo

Downtown Association promotions director Kristin Dennis knows, the Halloween themed Farmers' Market tradition is more than 10 years old.

"The great thing about Farmers' Market is it's a closed street so people don't have to worry about traffic. They can just let their kids dress up and not have to worry about that aspect of trick-or-treating," Dennis said.

The Downtown Association has specialty events throughout the year.

"All of our Farmers' Market events are geared towards kids," Dennis said.

Older costumers were not excluded, however, from those strolling the streets Thursday. One Peter Pan dad carried a tiny Tinkerbell. Those older than 12 were only allowed to participate in the costume contest if they entered the pairs category with a child. A past winner in that slot consisted of a dad in a chef costume, who carried his baby lobster in a pot.

"They always look for homemade costumes, costumes that are original...They also try to listen to the crowd's reaction," Dennis said of the contest judges.

Cal Poly students working the Halloween Hoopla booths also

dressed up. The Communication Studies Student Club had a fishing game, the American Marketing Association had a beanbag toss and The Wildlife Club had a pumpkin ring toss.

Christine Wallace of San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation said the clubs were asked to provide small interactive games for kids.

"I think it's an easy way to bring people together but it's also a controlled environment. Parents can keep an eye on their kids; it's well lit," Wallace said. "Some parents aren't real pro trick-or-treaters so it gives the kids an opportunity to dress up and have a good time."

Many kids were dressed up in the typical childhood aspirations such as superheroes, mermaids, Ninja Turtles and fairy princesses.

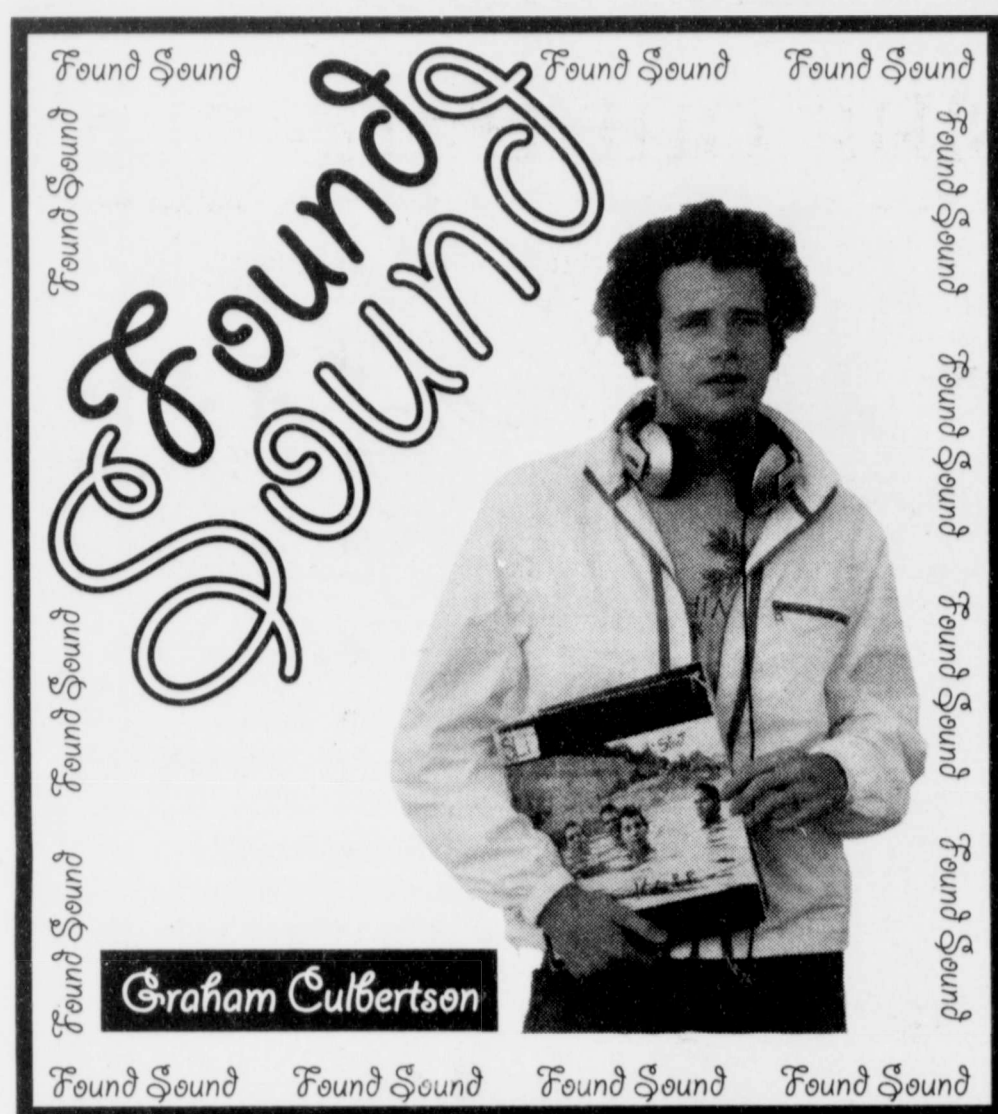
One group of young girls headed for their next stop on the trick-or-treating map, each with a one-track mind: candy. In the midst of fruit stands and karaoke, they were relatively oblivious to all other surroundings, even each other. The entire night felt more like Halloween in a friendly but crowded suburban neighborhood rather than downtown on a Thursday night.



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- 1983 Ron Grant completes a 217 day, 8,316 mile run around Australia.
- 1981 First live radio drama in 25 years (Halloween Story on NBC).
- 1941 Mount Rushmore is completed.
- 1908 Fourth Olympic Games ends in London.



An invitation to the wonders of local music

Yankovic.

Anyway, most of my desire to be a disc jockey came from an interview with Ward in hipster magazine Magnet. I've been trying to get a hold of this issue ever since I mistakenly threw it away. In the interview, Ward was discussing his last album, "Transistor Radio," which was dedicated to independent radio station disc jockeys that actually played sets that reflected themselves as opposed to starting a pre-set Clear Channel computer playlist. Ward and others talked about the wonders and treasures they found prowling back through the KCPR stacks. It made my heart skip about ten beats and since then, I've been hooked into what San Luis Obispo's intimate musical scene has to offer.

Enough about me though. The point is that Ward's newest album is a great offering and has somehow missed most of the local population. It's kind of striking to hear about it so

many places other than in San Luis Obispo. I have no memory of seeing it on the charts at Boo Boo's where his box is still kept as sacred from what I understand.

So, consider this yet another invitation to what local music has to offer in a much larger sense. Ward's new album picks up the tempo quite a bit from his last album, "Transistor Radio," which moved along a lot more slowly because it drew its inspiration from the feel of old records and radio crackling along slowly. His new album draws inspiration from folk songs from the post-war period of the '40s and '50s.

It also focuses less on a solo artist feel and is the first record Ward recorded with a full band. The result is a much more directly inviting album. The album moves by quickly and pushes through old-timey tunes that at the same time surge with a modern and immediate electricity.

"Rollercoaster" jostles along

sounding entirely like it's from the post-World War II period, even down to the sounds of the recording which was done by Mike Mogis who has done work with Bright Eyes, The Faint, Jenny Lewis and Cursive.

So please, go pull your headphones on at Boo Boo's and give the album a try. Hopefully, you'll love it.

Show tip: Casiotone for the Painfully Alone will be playing with The Dead Science, Papercuts and local band The Louvre on Monday Nov. 6th. Tickets are available at Boo Boo Records. Just be prepared for an amazing performance. I had to walk out during The Dead Science's set for a few minutes when they came last May because they were too good. Seriously, it was too much aural pleasure and I felt like I was going to explode.

Graham Culbertson is a journalism junior and is the general manager for KCPR.

M Ward is the reason I chose to do college radio here in San Luis Obispo. Currently, he is topping the national college radio charts with his latest album, "Post-War," which addresses the question "how will

America heal once this craziness in Iraq is over?" A few years ago though, he was working downtown at Boo Boo Records and playing in the band Rodriguez with Kyle Field of Little Wings. Yes, we do have a few famous local musicians who are not Weird Al

'Chasing the Lotus' documents progression of surfing as sport and culture

Devan McClaine
MUSTANG DAILY

Filmmaker Greg Schell previewed his latest film, "Chasing the Lotus," Thursday night at Chumash Auditorium. The 7 p.m. crowd of surfers, students and interested spectators was modest in size, but nonetheless enthusiastic.

The film centers on the lost reels of obscure legendary filmmakers Spyder Wills and Greg Weaver. The pair, both Southern California natives, were at the forefront of the surf movie culture, traveling in search

of the perfect wave and the perfect shot.

The film begins with actor Jeff Bridges' sage-like voice directing the viewer's eyes to where it all began: Southern California in the early '60s.

Laguna Beach is now known as the setting for MTV's teen melodrama of the same name. Well, it wasn't always exclusive beachfront property and BMWs. Once upon a time, it was Volkswagen vans and tents. In the mid to late '60s Laguna Beach was caught up in the hippie culture. The film drops in with the super 8mm footage that gave Weaver and Wills

their lasting signature. The footage is almost nostalgic, showing thousands of youths catching sheets of acid dropped from a plane by LSD guru Timothy Leary.

The psychedelic influence left its mark on the surf culture and in turn, Weaver and Wills.

Fast forward ten years. It was a new time, skateboarding had just jumped on the scene and Weaver was there to document the in famous Zephyr team from Venice.

Wills captures Stacey Peralta, Jay Adams and Tony Alva (all immortalized in 2005's "The Lords of Dogtown") and company ripping Southern California pools up.

The footage is authentic, raw and gives the feeling of watching a lost relic, which it is.

Peralta, a renowned filmmaker in his own right, explains the progression of surfing at the time. Describing the transition from the "free flowing" surfing of the 60s to the more aggressive style of the mid '70s on.

The film also takes the viewer to remote locales, such as the island of Mauritius during the filming of "Santosh," a surf cult classic.

"Chasing the Lotus" also chronicles the introduction of corporate sponsorship to surfing in the '80s, going to J-Bay in South Africa. The footage of Billabong pro Mark Occhiputo in South Africa looks like it could be taken from a present day contest. The slowed down picturesque super 8mm footage is the only indication of when it was shot.

The film is a globetrotting historical verification of the surf travel culture, past and present. From the point surf in Southern California to the beaches of Maui and Oahu, it feels like you need a nap after all the locations are covered.

There is also breathtaking footage in Bali before it became the surf mecca it is now. That is part of the reason why Weaver and Wills chose not to disclose some of the footage until now; they didn't want to over-

crowd the world's best surf spots. Thus, the footage remained locked away.

One of the most entertaining portions of the film features the story of Danny Mack. Mack purchased 1.5 mile wide section of beachfront property for \$10,000 in the early '80s and hacked an amazing surf spot out of the jungle. Mack was apprehensive to let anyone, much less a photographer and filmmaker (Weaver) out to his paradise.

Somehow, Weaver was granted access and what follows are some of the purest shots in surf history.

The viewer is introduced to surfer "Buttons," who is so graceful and agile it has to be seen to be believed. There are also shots of local kids trying to imitate the pros with home-made boards.

One cannot stress the organic and homemade feel this film brings to the table.

Overall, Schell does an excellent job of splicing commentary from

various legends and icons with the flawless super 8mm reels of Weaver and Wills.

The movie feels like an underground "Endless Summer," the material they kept out of production.

Whether it was Schell's intention or not, the film serves as a superb record of not only the exploits of Weaver and Wills, but the progression of the sport and culture as well.

From longboards to short boards, back to the resurrection of longboards. To the advent of skateboarding as a reprieve when the waves were low. From psychedelic to aggressive, it's all there and worth watching. Even if you know nothing about surfing, you will enjoy this film.

On a budget of only \$130,000, Schell delivers the lotus, the flower that grows out of mud.

Those interested in buying the film can purchase it at chasingthelotus.com for \$29.95.



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Greg Weaver (foreground) is featured in Greg Schell's latest film, "Chasing The Lotus." Schell previewed the film last week at Chumash Auditorium.

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DATING COLUMN

Don't ride into the danger zone

Over the course of our acquaintance, every single one of my close male friends has found themselves at some point or another in a place I shall henceforth deem "the danger zone."

This has nothing to do with Tom Cruise in aviator sunglasses. In fact, a "Top Gun" runway with a fighter jet hurtling toward you at 180 to 200 mph might even be safer than the zone I refer to.

This danger zone is a hazy gray battleground, filled with mines and traps and, at the same time, plenty of rewards, if you can survive long enough to get past the defenses.

This is the perilous place between friends and more-than-friends.

The line between these two is usually well-camouflaged. Keeping a watch out for it is tricky business; in the midst of combat, you can be so preoccupied with other threats that all of a sudden you may find yourself treacherously close to the front. If you cross this line, you run the risk of being forever captured in friends mode, and you can say goodbye to any romantic potential that once kept you awake at night.

At ease, soldier. Before you go AWOL, let's strategize.

In all the relationship-oriented conversations I've had, the general consensus suggests that everyone wants to be friends first with his or her significant other before things turn romantic.

Intro psychology, the self-help section at Borders, and most likely your mother have all told you time and again that a strong, solid friendship is the best foundation for a relationship. Connections founded on lust don't have the greatest track record in terms of longevity (except for those rare few that, by luck or by divine intervention, actually endure past the so-called "smoldering embers" into posterity). In the long-term sense, what remains after the passion fizzles out? Conversation, camaraderie, attachment — in short: the elements of friendship.

We all aspire to this ideal. We're holding onto the hope that it will all play out so predictably: Meet someone. Chit-

chat over coffee turns into conversations about life, love and everything in between. A warm, comfortable friendship develops, strengthens, and then, with any luck, blossoms into something more.

But if we're all so stuck on this paradigm of perfection, why is it that sometimes, when you've found yourself at the make-it or break-it point of a potentially romantic situation, the last thing you want to hear is this: "This is so-and-so, my FRIEND."

Ouch. Your hopes have just crumbled — as in, your ribcage

to be a PURSUIT, a chase of sorts. Attempting to cultivate romance from friendship involves maintaining a balance of (un)availability, (un)certainly, and (dis)comfort during the friendship phase itself.

The spark of possibility, the "what-if" factor, can't be entirely relinquished if the hope is to eventually sway things in a romantic direction. The idea must be kept on simmer on the backburner.

What does this look like, in terms of behavior? A reversion back to the tried-and-true methods of grade school; that is, a playful sort of antagonism that's just enough to keep the other person guessing. A little subtle teasing can be much more charming and effective than blatant, unnerving flirtation.

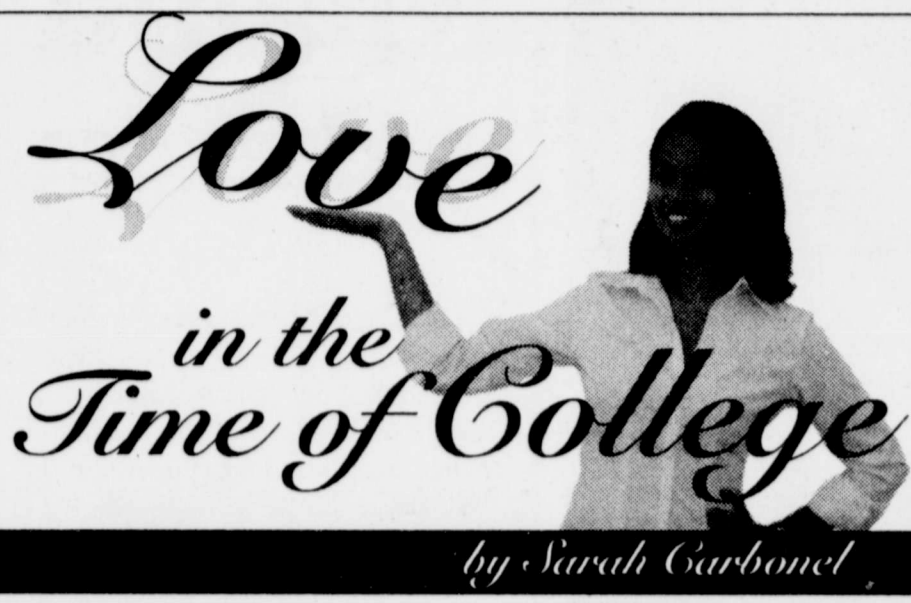
And "Hitch" (arguably, last year's best how-to romantic comedy) says hitting is good.

Of course, it's never impossible for romance to stem from a purely-friendly friendship. When it all comes down to it, anything's possible with relationships. But generally speaking, interaction void of any chemistry (obvious or obscure) will not conjure up romantic feelings on its own.

I understand that the battlefield is a terrifying place to be, and there's nothing more harrowing than finding oneself slipping dangerously close to the line.

So, keep an eye out. Whether it's friendship or romance (or both) that you want, keep your target in your sights, bide your time... and fire when ready.

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just collapsed in despair.

"FRIEND? I'm just a FRIEND?"

This is exactly the situation in which my guy friends have found themselves (for some of them, more than once). I don't know where exactly they go awry. But it seems their utmost efforts to be the good guy and the shoulder-to-cry-on are precisely what make them cross the line into friendship-only (and sometimes even sibling-like) territory. The pain of shooting themselves in the foot doesn't compare to the shell shock of this dreaded phrase ringing in their ears:

"Aww, that's sweet... but I only see you as a FRIEND."

Then they sit in puzzlement, trying to reconcile for themselves how they fell prey to that old adage about nice guys always finishing last (they do not!).

The thing about romantic pursuits is just that: it's supposed

GUEST COMMENTARY

Politically correct revolution forced manly men to extinction

While the ever prevailing image of the "plaid-clad," mustachioed brawny man may be gone (as he has "cleaned up his act" since the late '90s), manly men still exist. Where did they go? They were forced out of society. They were nearly rendered extinct by politically correct thugs.

The struggle of the manly man can be paralleled to that of the American bison almost being destroyed. I place the blame for the loss of the manly man, in his once great numbers, solely on the shoulders of women and the politically correct revolution of the '90s.

With the notion of everything being made equal among the sexes the manly man has lost his place in society. The manly man embodies, I should say embodied, values and ideas that most people consider outdated.

The role of the manly man of yesteryear was to protect the woman he loved and provide for her and their family. This idea of a man caring for a woman in a wholesome and "old fashioned" way is now almost taboo and, depending on how "feminist" a circle you happen to be in, offensive. If women no longer need men to care and provide for them, the mantra of the manly man, what is he supposed to do?

All the manly men have gotten bored and been forced into hiding. Where once there was Steve McQueen or John Wayne with their default determined scowls, there now stand veritable women like Orlando Bloom and Johnny Depp with their foppish mannerisms and gaunt, womanly looks.

On the other end of the spectrum, however, there has been a backlash to the P.C. attitude. With "men" being so frustrated and pumped up on creatine and Rockstar Energy Drinks, they had no choice but to succumb to the allure of assholes like Fred Durst. This spawned a new breed of "man" who cares nothing for values that are not closet racism, homophobia and/or oppressive behaviors. These are the "men" society is left with as a result of years of suppressed testosterone. These, also, are the men who women flock to because they've forgotten that real manly men respect women and love them, not just use them for a quick "lay" when they're drunk and "in the mood" after a heated night of beer pong and hooting and hollering at Ultimate Fighting Championship on Spike TV.

While I am certainly not built like Arnold Schwarzenegger, I consider myself a manly man. I would love nothing more than to meet a woman who wanted a simple way of life and would let me take care of her, respect her, and provide the "American dream" for her.

Men in the modern age have a sense of nostalgia for a world we never knew. If women want to see the return of the manly man, I suggest they shed their double-breasted pantsuits and butch attitudes and open their eyes to the fact that they are primarily to blame for our scarcity.

With men not trying to take care of women for fear of their character being defamed by that career and life ruining, all too liberally applied, label of "sexist" maybe people should take a look at how things have changed and ask themselves if it was worth it.

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Cal Poly sophomore wide receiver Ramses Barden, right, hauls in a 44-yard pass in front of San Diego State senior cornerback Donny Baker during the second quarter of the Mustangs' 16-14 win over San Diego State on Saturday night at Qualcomm Stadium.

Football

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The Mustangs hold a 50-14 advantage in first quarters this season.

Rivalry renewed

Cal Poly snapped a seven-game losing streak to San Diego State, although the two schools had not played each other since 1967 before Saturday.

The Mustangs' last win prior to Saturday over the Aztecs was a 34-6 victory in 1960 in San Luis Obispo.

When the legendary Don Coryell was head coach at San Diego State, the Aztecs pummeled the Mustangs by scores like 69-0 (1963), 59-7 (1964) and 41-0 (1965). San Diego State holds a 13-10 advantage in the all-time series.

"This was one of the toughest days of my career," said first-year San Diego State head coach Chuck Long, a former Heisman runner-up and NFL quarterback who was offensive coordinator at Oklahoma last season. "I know I speak for our coaching staff and team as well, just a tough night for us. It is a great lesson — you can't let anybody hang around in a football game."

Balance on ground

Cal Poly grounded up San Diego State for 204 rushing yards on 51

carries. The Mustangs ran for 12 first downs, possessed the ball for 31:14 and had to punt only five times.

Most impressive about Cal Poly's ground game was its balance.

While sophomore tailback James Noble scampered for 100 yards on 25 attempts, sophomore quarterback Matt Brennan ran the option to near perfection.

Brennan carried 20 times for 51 yards, the most since he ran for 53 yards against Division II Fort Lewis in the season opener Sept. 2. He has now carried 96 times for 241 yards and two scores this season.

Two wideouts also got into the act.

Possession receiver Justin Belcher carried twice for 30 yards — 15 on each attempt — and slot back Ernie Cooper carried three times for 22 yards.

Third down concerns continue against Aztecs

Cal Poly was 2 for 13 on third-down conversion attempts Saturday and is just 31 for 106 (29 percent) on the season.

It did not hurt the Mustangs on Saturday largely because the Aztecs were 3 for 12 in the same department.

Cal Poly has held opponents to a 28-for-108 (26 percent) clip on third-down conversion attempts this season.

Poly men's swimmers first in every event at Malibu Invitational

Tom Milich made his debut as Cal Poly's head coach Saturday.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men's and women's swimming and diving teams began competition under new head coach Tom Milich at the Malibu Invitational hosted by Pepperdine on Saturday.

The men's team was dominant, taking first in every event of the three-team contest. NAIA La Verne and Cal Lutheran also participated in the meet.

Cal Poly's Cody Laxo placed first in the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 2 minutes, 1.29 seconds. He was followed by Adam Morales in second with a time of 2:03.71. Five other Mustangs placed in the top eight. Laxo also won the 200 breast with a time of 2:14.53. Morales went on to win the 100 back with a time of 54.50.

The Mustangs' Kellen Ranahan won the 100 fly with a time of 52.93 and the 50 fly with a time of 24.09

while Brian Gruber and Scott London tied for second in the 50 fly with a time of 25.26. Gruber beat out 20 competitors in the 200 free with a time of 1:47.61.

Don Sales won the 200 fly with time of 2:01.21 while Morales took first in the 50 back, finishing at 25.96. In the 200 back, Cal Poly's Tanner Henning came in first with a time of 2:06.10.

In the 50 breast, Kevin Michelmore came out on top with a time of 28.08 seconds. He also won the 100 breast with a time of 59.12. Brent Summers took first in the 50 free, coming in at 22.26.

In the 100 free, Cal Poly's Mark Dieu came in first with a time of 48.90 while Daniel Lara placed first in 1-meter diving with a score of 226.20. The Mustangs' Corwin Didio took first in the 500 free with a time of 4:46.21.

As a team, the Mustangs won the 200 medley relay (1:41.26), the 200 free relay (1:30.53), the 400 medley relay (3:40.56) and the 400 free relay

(3:22.49).

The Cal Poly women's swimming and diving team also kicked off their 2006 season at the Malibu Invitational.

Division I Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount and NAIA Cal Lutheran also participated in the meet.

Cal Poly's Amy Speer took second in the 200 fly with a time of 2:14.78.

The Mustangs' Stacy Sorenson took fourth place (1:58.67) in the 200 free while teammate Christina Shilling took eighth (2:01.29).

Speer placed third in the 200 IM (2:16.63).

In the 200 back, three Mustangs finished in the top eight. Erin Musgrave came in fourth place (2:16.65), Erin Moody in fifth (2:17.63) and Sorenson in seventh (2:20.65).

As a team, the Mustangs took third place in the 400 free relay.

Cal Poly returns to action Friday and Saturday when they travel to UC Irvine for the Big West Conference Shootout.

Mustang women's soccer team loses in Big West for first time on Senior Night, 2-1 to UCSB

Cal Poly is 9-6-3 overall and 3-1-3 in the Big West.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly women's soccer team was defeated by UC Santa Barbara 2-1 on Sunday night.

It was the last game of the regular season for the Mustangs, who were undefeated in the Big West Conference until Sunday's game.

The Gauchos improved to 7-6-5 overall this season while the Mustangs fell to 9-6-3.

Both teams came ready for a battle — possession stayed in the middle of the field for most of the first half.

UC Santa Barbara gained the upper hand when forward Ali Kueny won the ball in the Mustang defensive third of the field and sent a through pass to teammate Genelle Ives.

With 15 minutes, 44 seconds remaining in the half, Ives beat her defender and drove a shot at the back of the net. Mustang goalkeeper Ali Tramel got a hand on the high-driven ball, but it wasn't enough to send

it over the crossbar.

The Mustangs came back after halftime, posting seven of their 11 total shots in the second period.

Cal Poly senior forward Kelsey Carroll leveled the score 1-1 at 52:08 when she beat two defenders and took a shot from 20 yards out. The ball bounced off the bottom of the crossbar and on the goal line, but with no whistle from the official, Carroll followed her own shot into the goal.

UC Santa Barbara goalkeeper Katie Wright's three diving saves kept the Gauchos in the match.

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"The team atmosphere helps — they are like a second family to me," she said.

Blalock determined she was going to come to Cal Poly the August before her senior year of high school.

"I wasn't stressed at all my senior year and it was really nice," Blalock said.

"She visited early last summer, so we had the whole year to get to know her better," Bream said.

"Getting the communication going helped and she adapted much quicker than normal."

Being on the tennis team is not without work, Blalock said.

"I have practice on Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 10 o'clock," she said. "It consists of biking, playing and then either the weight room or running."

Each tennis player has their own game, Bream said.

"She is 5 feet, 10 inches tall, and super powerful like a Lindsay Davenport," he said.

Like most athletes, Blalock has

her role models.

"Andre Agassi is my favorite player of all time and I'm so sad he retired," she said.

Blalock has what it takes to go far, Bream said.

"Having strength is a big equalizer against players with more experience," Bream said.

Added Blalock, "I bettered myself a lot in the past couple years. I am going to compete to the best of my ability every time."

"This girl has a bright future and I know she can become the top (player) in the country," Bream said.

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receiving yards (1,394) in 2000. He transferred to San Diego State for personal reasons in 2002.

"They've really turned it around within a matter of a couple of years," Osgood told The San Diego Union-Tribune. "Coach Ellerson has done a really good job up there. We had a couple of bad seasons when I was

there, but when (Ellerson) got there they changed everything. The whole atmosphere of the program changed — how they practiced, what time they practiced, offense changed, defense changed. They're bringing a big college atmosphere to it."

A big college atmosphere that has resulted in two wins over Division I-AA teams in the past four seasons, the school's first I-AA playoff appearance and win in 2005 and the expansion of

Alex G. Spanos Stadium this season.

Roughly an hour after the final gun, when several stadium crew members began preparing Qualcomm for the Chargers game Sunday, the cheers and horns honking of those several hundred Cal Poly fans could still be heard from the parking lot.

The Mustangs enjoyed Homecoming, all right. It just came a week later than expected.

ATTENTION CAL POLY CLUBS:



USC football in unfamiliar territory — a blemish on its record

The Trojans lost a regular-season game Saturday for the first time since September 2003.

Anne M. Peterson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's hard be undefeated. It's even

harder to lose. The USC Trojans seemed stunned following Saturday's 33-31 loss to Oregon State, unwilling to much ponder what it could mean to their national title hopes. "If teams lose, we get back up to the top. But that's not our job. We

just have to worry about winning games," quarterback John David Booty said. "You never know. To think (USC is out of it) would be making a mistake," coach Pete Carroll said. "It just depends on how we'll finish, so we'll see what happens."

The Trojans, ranked No. 3 in The AP poll going into Saturday's game, dropped to No. 9 on Sunday. In the Bowl Championship Series standings, Southern California dropped from No. 3 to No. 8. Ohio State and Michigan won their games and held on to the top two spots in the BCS rankings. West Virginia was third, followed by Florida and Louisville.

After USC's loss, there were six unbeaten teams in Division I-A. Only three of those teams can end the regular season undefeated: The Ohio State-Michigan winner; one of three Big East teams and Boise State if the Broncos can run the Western Athletic Conference.

There's no question about whether an unbeaten Ohio State or Michigan deserves a spot in the title game on Jan. 8. The one that wins out is going to Glendale, Ariz.

USC had looked vulnerable in its previous three games — all against conference foes — heading into Saturday's loss, with victories of seven points or less.

The Trojans (6-1, 4-1 Pac-10) are no longer the triple threat of Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush and LenDale White. Being undefeated is something that eventually ends.

"It's most difficult. A lot of people think it just happens. You have

to go out and play good football," Carroll said.

The loss snapped USC's 27-game Pac-10 winning streak. The Trojans had also won 18 straight road games.

They hadn't lost a regular season or Pac-10 game since falling 34-31 to California in three overtimes on Sept. 27, 2003. The Trojans had won 38 consecutive regular-season games since, but most of those were with Leinart, Bush and White.

Booty completed 24 of 39 passes for 406 yards and three touchdowns with one interception. Steve Smith caught 11 passes for 258 yards. But the Trojans had three lost fumbles.

"We're not a bad team," USC defensive end Lawrence Jackson said. "We've lost in the past. Unfortunately, we didn't get out of this one with a win."

The last time the Trojans visited Corvallis, it was 2004 and so foggy that it was difficult to see Reggie Bush's wily 65-yard punt return. The Trojans emerged with a 28-20 victory.

Oregon State last defeated the Trojans in 2000. Probably the Beavers' most notable victory over USC came in 1967, when the so-called Giant Killers downed the O.J. Simpson-led Trojans 3-0 on a muddy field in Corvallis.

Thirty-nine years later, the Beavers pulled off another stunner. It was the highest-ranked opponent the Beavers had defeated since their win in 1967, when the Trojans were No. 1.

It gets harder for the Trojans from here on out. Next week they play at Stanford, but then they host a parade of ranked teams in No. 24 Oregon, No. 10 California and No. 11 Notre Dame. They finish out the season against rival UCLA.

As for the Pac-10 title race, Cal sits on top, 5-0 in the conference.

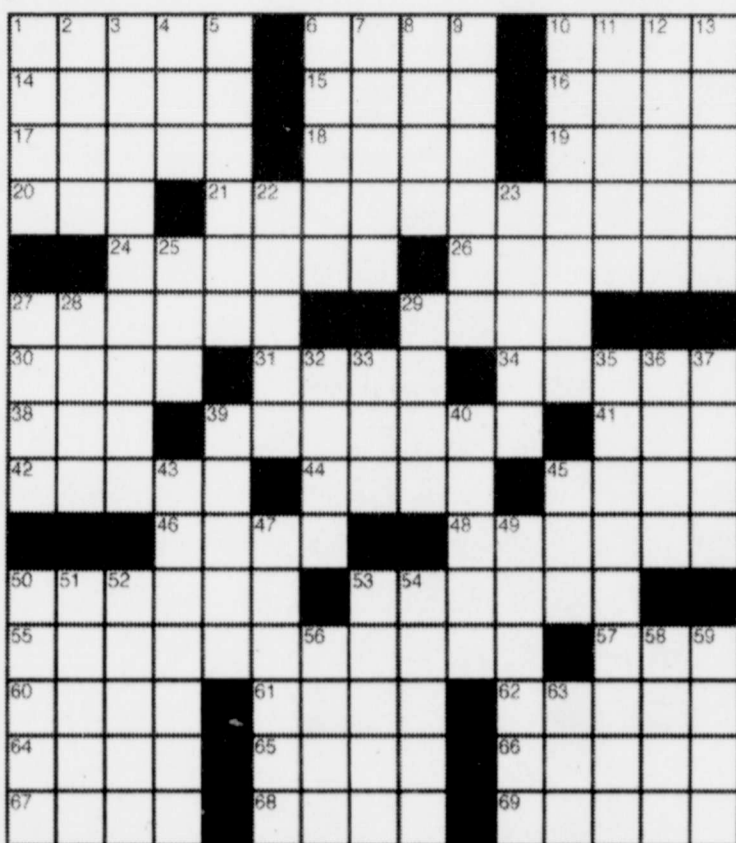
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Mustangs rise to No. 6 in I-AA poll

Cal Poly earned its third win over a Division I-A school in program history Saturday night.

Tristan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

Today is the day the Cal Poly football team returns to practice.

As such, Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson does not want his team to get too caught up in its stunning 16-14 comeback win at Division I-A San Diego State on Saturday night.

"Tuesday morning, it's over," Ellerson said after the game at Qualcomm Stadium.

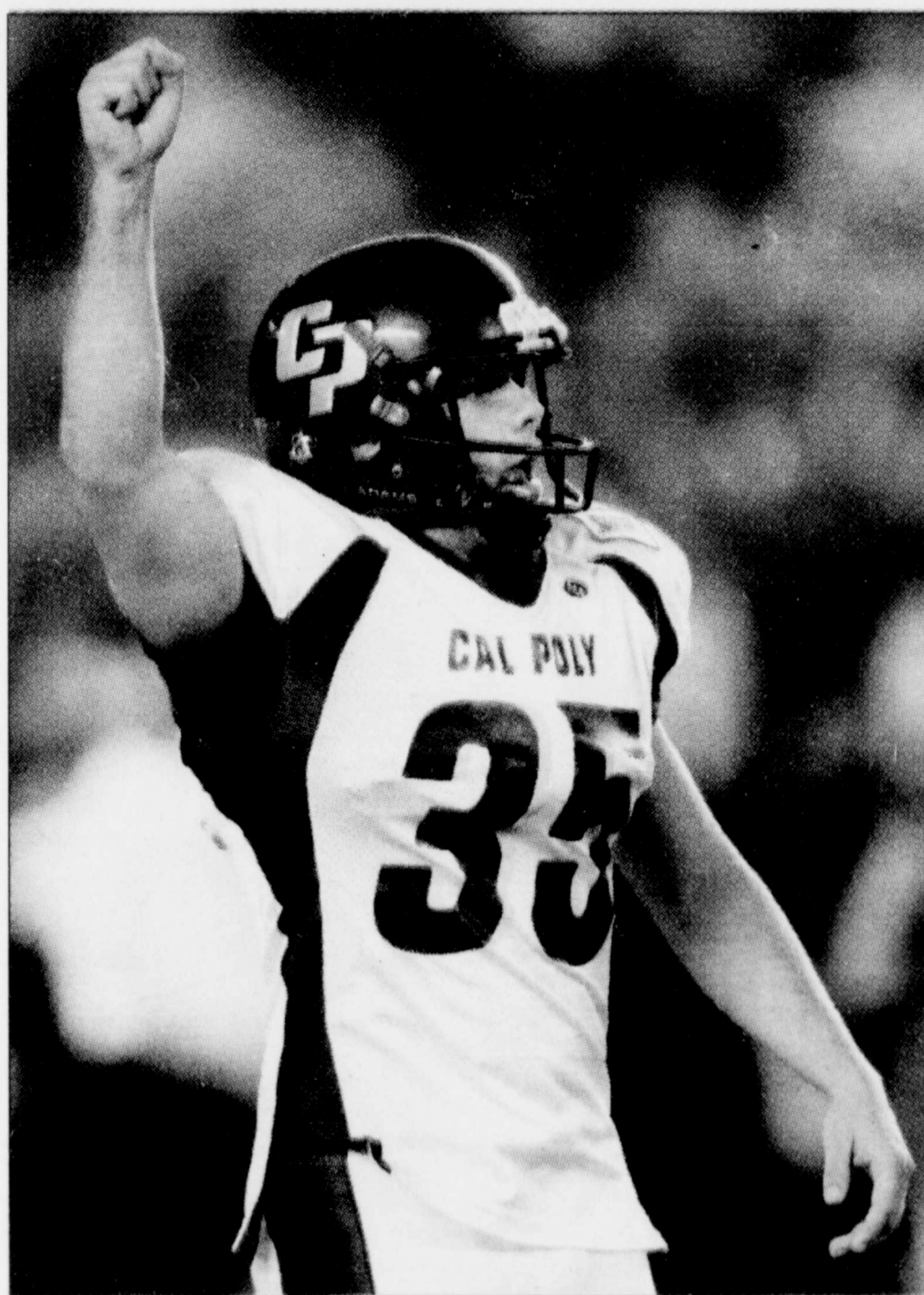
The pollsters certainly took notice of the Mustangs' win. Cal Poly rose from No. 9 to 6 in Monday's Sports Network Division I-AA poll. The Sports Network poll, which incorporates 103 voters, is the most widely recognized I-AA media poll.

More importantly, it factors into I-AA.org's Gridiron Power Index rankings, which simulate the formula used by the NCAA playoff selection committee to determine which 16 teams will reach the postseason.

Cal Poly (6-2, 2-1 Great West Football Conference) was No. 13 in last week's GPI and is sure to rise when the new list is released Wednesday.

Having clinched their fourth straight winning season, the Mustangs will likely need to win two of their final three games to reach the playoffs. Cal Poly visits No. 2 Montana (7-1) in a game that will be televised locally on KSBY at 11:05 a.m. Saturday before heading to No. 5 North Dakota State (7-1) on Nov. 11 in a game that will likely determine the Great West title.

"As long as we play hard enough, we're pretty sure that anything can happen," Cal Poly senior free safety Kenny Chicoine said.



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Cal Poly senior kicker Nick Coromelas celebrates his game-winning 37-yard field goal with 1:50 remaining Saturday night in the Mustangs' 16-14 win over San Diego State at Qualcomm Stadium.

Coromelas comes up big

After opening the season making just 3 of 7 field goals, Cal Poly kicker Nick Coromelas is 6 for 8 in the Mustangs' last four games. He was 3 for 4 Saturday, making kicks from 23, 25 and 37 yards out, missing only a 42-yarder in the second quarter.

The senior hit a game-winning 37-yarder with 1:50 remaining.

"We watch Nick in practice every day," Kenny Chicoine said. "We understand what he can do. It's nothing out of the ordinary for us to rely on Nick toward the end. Especially with him being a senior, he under-

stands what we expect from him. We expect that's going to happen two or three (more) times this season if it comes down to that."

Coromelas has perhaps been even more impressive filling in for injured punter Tim Chicoine.

Including a long of 70 yards, Coromelas has boomed 30 punts for an average of 42.5 yards and landed 14 inside the opposing team's 20-yard line. He has had one blocked.

Coromelas was named Great West Special Teams Player of the Week on Sunday, the same day senior middle linebacker Kyle Shotwell was named the conference's Defensive Player of the Week for his 12-tackle, four-sack performance.

Takeaways, takeaways

Cal Poly forced four San Diego State fumbles Saturday and recovered one.

Kenny Chicoine recovered an Atiyah Henderson fumble forced by freshman defensive end Ryan Shotwell at the Aztecs' 23-yard line with 3 minutes, 2 seconds remaining. The fumble recovery set up Coromelas' game-winning field goal.

Cal Poly has forced 16 turnovers this season.

"Our defense is a takeaway circuit," said Kenny Chicoine, who is tied for the school's all-time lead in interceptions (17).

Points allowed in first quarter

For the first time this season, the Mustangs allowed someone to score on them in the first quarter.

Twice.

San Diego State quarterback Kevin Craft hit receiver Ramal Porter for touchdown passes of 25 and 34 yards in the final 4 minutes of the first period, beating both of Cal Poly's starting cornerbacks.

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For freshman women's tennis star, age has been no obstacle

Cal Poly's women's tennis team has been led by Brittany Blalock, a freshman totting a 9-1 singles record.

Christina Casci
MUSTANG DAILY

Few people can say they were recruited to a team at Cal Poly and won the first tournament they played in, but Cal Poly women's tennis player Brittany Blalock can.

It's even better to know the level of talent one possesses and Blalock, a business freshman, has that also.

"I'm hard working, focused, I never give up and I play with heart," she said.

Blalock is ranked No. 6 in California in singles and No. 34 nationally, head coach Hugh Bream said.

"She is motivated in everything and extremely hard working," Bream said.

Blalock has been playing tennis

competitively for eight years. She played on her high school team and a junior tennis team. Now, Blalock is excited to compete at this level.

"I'm excited for the season to start," Blalock said.

"I'm looking forward to competing against the other schools and hopefully winning the Big West (Conference) competition."

It's not easy to compete at this level, Bream said.

"It takes a commitment to the weight room and the ability to continue using your strengths," he said. "Brittany is phenomenally competitive and I'm confident she can win first."

"This girl has a bright future and I know she can become the top (player) in the country."

— Hugh Bream

Cal Poly women's tennis coach on Brittany Blalock

Though Blalock is getting so much praise for her playing, she is still a freshman getting to know Cal Poly.

"Aside from school and tennis, I spend time with my friends," Blalock said. "I am still adjusting to it all."

Just like other first-year students, Blalock misses home and her family, but luckily, she has a new family forming, she said.

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Poly stays at No. 19 after first BWC loss

After suffering their first conference loss Saturday, the Mustang volleyball team stays put.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Despite losing a Big West Conference match for the first time all season Saturday, the Cal Poly volleyball team remained at No. 19 Monday in the American Volleyball Coaches Association/College Sports TV poll.

Cal Poly (17-5, 9-1) lost 3-2 to visiting UC Irvine on Saturday night in Mott Gym. It snapped a 10-match winning streak for the Mustangs.

Prior to Saturday, Cal Poly had won six straight matches by virtue of a three-game sweep.

The Mustangs fell Sunday from No. 12 to 14 in RichKern.com's Pablo Rankings, which simulate the Ratings Percentage Index formula used by the NCAA playoff selection committee.

The Wild Pitch



Homecoming, one week later

Tristan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

SAN DIEGO — It was definitely worth the trip.

One week after a Homecoming meltdown against South Dakota State, the Cal Poly football team spoiled San Diego State's Homecoming on Saturday night with a 16-14 victory.

When the Mustangs needed a win to regain momentum and revive their playoff hopes, they did it against a Division I-A team in front of 20,974 fans at Qualcomm Stadium.

Having hosted three Super Bowls and serving as the home of the Chargers, Qualcomm lived up to its billing. At least Cal Poly fans seemed to enjoy it.

In the stadium parking lot more than two hours before kickoff, several Cal Poly tailgate areas were already set up, surrounded by individuals in green Mustang Maniacs T-shirts tossing footballs back and forth.

Then the Mustang Marching Band came.

All things considered, Cal Poly had almost as much presence in terms of crowd noise as San Diego State, even with the cannons that blasted after the Aztecs scored a touchdown.

On the exterior, it felt something like a home game 400 miles away from Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Nonetheless, playing in an NFL stadium one week before their biggest road game of the season might prove hugely beneficial to the Mustangs.

Cal Poly, after all, travels to No. 2 Montana this week. The Grizzlies play at Washington-Grizzly Stadium, which has seated as many as 23,867 fans in the past. The Mustangs then visit No. 5 North Dakota State in a game that will likely determine the Great West Football Conference title.

"That's all that's left," Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson said of playing in hostile environments. "That's all we have to look forward to, is games like that, opponents like that, difficult stadiums. That's all we've got in front of us. It's good that we know what it takes to be successful there."

One of those in attendance Saturday was Chargers receiver and special teams standout Kassim Osgood, who set single-season Cal Poly records for receptions (84) and

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